Congratulations to:

- Sharna Becker, Georgia Keast and Siwa Nshimirimana who won through to the WA State Finals of the APEX Teenage Fashion Awards.
- Australian Army Cadet Nui Andrews who was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal.
- HPE teacher Jacinta Wright who completed the Ironman World Championship event in Austria.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

Year 10 Counselling for Year 11 courses in 2016 is underway
- Monday 14 September: Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Selection Forms completed
- Thursday 17 September: Whole School Assembly (12.10pm—1.05pm)
- Thursday 24 September: School Board Meeting, 6.00pm Conference Room
- Wednesday 21 October: P&C Meeting at 6.00pm in the Conference Room

Year 11 and 12 Certificate in Sport and Recreation coaches with St. Patrick’s students

BANK DETAILS TO PAY FEES
You may prefer to pay school accounts through Direct Deposit. The school bank account details are as follows:

Bankwest Katanning
Account Name: Katanning Senior High School
BSB Number: 306-014
Account Number: 496740-9

Please ensure you add the student name to the payment details. The school also has EFTPOS/Credit Card payment facilities.
From The Principal

As parents I am sure that you know only too well the importance of sound literacy and numeracy skills as children progress through school. Ideally these skills develop throughout schooling to enable children to achieve a standard that will enable them to enter the workforce or higher education once they finish school.

In the 2015 NAPLAN results it was pleasing to see that Year 7 students progressed and improved achievement across the tests for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation as well as Numeracy.

This year some students were stronger in literacy whilst others were stronger in numeracy. Overall the Year 7 performance was above expected in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation compared to similar schools and expected in Spelling and Numeracy. Numeracy is the weakest area for this group of students. The Year 9 students in 2015 made greater progress and achievement than the previous Year 9 group with overall performance as expected for Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation and above expected for Spelling.

Improving the literacy of our students is a priority within our improvement plans and is supported by the employment of a Literacy Coordinator to support teachers across the school. This term we have commenced intensive literacy sessions with the 7.3 and 8.3 classes. In each session the class is divided into three groups based on level and complete a program designed by Michelle Dolan, the Literacy Coordinator. Two Education Assistants have been trained in the work to be completed in order to support the class teacher in this work. Many of these students were performing well below the level required for successful completion of high school.

If you would like assistance interpreting your child’s NAPLAN results please contact Michelle Dolan at the school.

Is your child in Year 10?

Year 10 students are completing Career Education within Humanities And Social Sciences classes in preparation for choosing a pathway for Year 11 and 12. Senior School Handbooks and Selection Forms have now been distributed to enable you and your child to become familiar with the courses and pathways available at our school. Individual Course counselling appointments should be booked on the School Online Booking System or if you do not have access to the internet, bookings can be made through the Front Office staff.

In 2016 the Trade Skills Centre will be completed and operational which will enable Year 11 and 12 students to select a pathway leading to Certificate II in Automotive or Metal Fabrication. These students will work within an industry specified facility with the latest equipment. Students at Katanning Senior High School can also complete Certificate I and II in Arts, Business, Information Technology or Sport and Recreation. Certificates in Horticulture and Tourism are available through the Great Southern Institute of Technology (GSIT) depending on the demand for each course. The majority of our students complete Vocational courses.
Students seeking an ATAR pathway for direct entry to university are able to complete courses in either face to face classrooms or via the Audio Visual Cluster (links schools in the South West where a teacher delivering a course based in one school, can also teach students across a number of schools); or online through the School of Isolated and Distance Education. This flexibility enables students to choose a pathway that best suits their post school aspirations.

Extending learning beyond the classroom!
At Katanning Senior High School our teachers are always looking for opportunities to extend the learning experiences of our students. This term we have been fortunate to engage two authors to work with our students. Mr Jon Doust, author of "Boy on a Wire" worked with the Year 10 and 11 students. This visit was supported by P&C funding. We were also able to access Mr Norman Jorgensen who has written a number of books for young adults, including "A Fine Mess" and "In Flanders Fields". When another school had to cancel his visit, Mr Dark jumped at the opportunity to invite Mr Jorgensen to our school to work with Year 7, 8 and 9 students and teachers of Year 7.

Within this edition of the school’s Newsletter we cover the Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards. Eleven of our girls competed in the regional heats held in Wagin. The students were supported by Home Economics teachers Mrs Malik, Mrs van Niekerk and Home Economics Assistant Mrs Paini.

Supporting your child through Year 11
It can be challenging for students as they transition into the expectations and requirements of Senior School courses. The first set of exams can be quite demanding as students complete papers over several hours. In Term 4 last year, Year 11 ATAR students completed two Study Skills sessions of two hours, followed up this year with two one hour sessions in Term 1 and Term 3.

Within these sessions, students completed goal setting, study skills, exam preparation and managing the demands of Senior School courses. With their first full exam experience behind them, students reflected on their performance, preparation and ways to improve for the Semester 2 exams. The Year 11 students have been fantastic to work with and I continue to be impressed by their mature approach to their studies.

Ms Nicki Polding
Principal
On Friday 14 August, the Committee leaders and their representatives presented the completed Prescribed Improvement Strategy plans to the Expert Review Group (ERG). The presenters outlined the plans, targets and outcomes of their individual plans and related them back to a timeline showing when and how these plans will be implemented in order to bring about whole school improvement.

The feedback from the ERG team was positive with them being very impressed with the levels of professionalism and hard work done by all staff in completing the plans up to this stage.

The plans require slight adjustments to targets and an increase in detail in some areas. These will be worked on as we progress through the term.

Mr Stephen Ralph
Project Manager - Prescribed Improvement Strategies

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**STAFF PROFILE—JASPER GARDE, ENGLISH TEACHER**

Secondary Schooling: Ballajura Community College

Tertiary Studies: Bachelor of Education (Curtin University), Major in English, Minor in Physical Education.

Career History: Darling Range Sports College (6 months), Katanning Senior High School (1 year).

Subjects Taught: English, Humanities and Social Sciences, Physical Education.

Additional Activities: Basketball coach, former All-Star MVP, Soccer coach, Member of the KSHS Improvement Strategy Committee (Relationships), Follow the Dream tutor, Homework Classes tutor, Coach of winning Country Week Basketball Team in 2015.

Community Involvement: Apex Katanning, Member of the Katanning Soccer Association.

Other Interests: I enjoy playing basketball, exercising in the gym, hip-hop dance and reading a variety of novels and stories (e.g. the Harry Potter series, crime/detective fiction). I am also a huge comic book fan and naturally a die hard comic hero movie buff.

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**FIRST TIME LODGING YOUR TAX RETURN?**

The easiest and fastest way to lodge your return is online. Follow these simple steps.

1. Make sure you have your tax file number (TFN) handy and one of the following documents: Your birth certificate, passport or citizenship certificate.
2. Create a myGov account (see my.gov.au for more info).
3. Call the ATO on 13 28 616 and press 5 at the prompt to get your unique linking code to verify your account.
4. In myGov, go to the Services page and link to the ATO. Select “I have a linking code” and enter your linking code when prompted.
5. From 1 July, lodge your tax return online. (See ato.gov.au/lodgeonline)

When are tax returns due? You have from 1 July to 31 October to lodge. Keep track of your tax and super by downloading the free ATO App.
YEAR 10 COUNSELLING for 2016 COURSES

The time has come for current Year 10 students to choose their pathway and courses for Year 11 in 2016. This is a very important decision and should be made in consultation with the students, parents and guardians, course counsellors and class teachers.

Katanning Senior High School is committed to working with parents in continuing to maintain high standards achieved by all students. As course selection for Year 11 is an important part of student achievement we have arranged for a counsellor to work with students and parents/guardians to plan the best career pathway. Counsellors are Ms Nicki Polding, Mr Trevor Carruthers, Mr Frank Gaudin and Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald. During the counselling meetings, the counsellor will consider the child’s academic progress, future career aspirations and course selection for Year 11.

Year 10 students and their parents/guardians can book appointments with their individual counsellors. Meetings can be booked using SOBS (School Online Booking System) from 6.00am Tuesday 1 September until 9.00am Friday 11 September 2015. Bookings can also be made by contacting staff in the school’s Front Office.

For further information, please don’t hesitate to phone the school on 9821 9800.

Mr Trevor Carruthers
Deputy Principal

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS
NAPLAN AND OLNA

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)
In Term 2, students from Years 7 and 9 sat the NAPLAN tests. The school has now received the results from these tests and student reports have been mailed to parents/guardians current mailing addresses. An information pamphlet with information about how to interpret the report was enclosed. This pamphlet is also available translated in Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Karen and Swahili. Copies of the translations can be found at Katanning Senior High School, the Migrant Resource Centre and Katanning Community Resource Centre. They will also be mailed to parents and guardians.

This year’s results were encouraging as there was significant improvement in Literacy, and some gains in Numeracy. Staff at Katanning Senior High School have worked very hard with students to achieve these pleasing results.

OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment)
Earlier this year, students from Years 10 and 11 sat the OLNA test. The OLNA is an assessment tool designed to measure student achievement in Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy. Students who have not achieved at Band 8 or higher in the NAPLAN test must take the OLNA in order to graduate with a WA Certificate of Education.

OLNA is conducted two times a year and students who are yet to achieve the minimum standard will sit the second round of OLNA in Weeks 7 and 8 this term, commencing on Monday 31 August and ending Friday 11 September. The test will be conducted in the computer labs and classrooms. Students will be supervised by class teachers.

Students have been given an information letter for their parents. If you have any queries or concerns, please call me on 9821 9800.

Mr Trevor Carruthers
Deputy Principal
On 7 August 2015 the English Learning Area invited author Jon Doust to speak to the Year 10 and 11 students. Mr Doust is the author of the book *Boy on a Wire*, which some classes are reading. He also spoke to the students about overcoming obstacles in life throughout his hour-long humorous and entertaining lecture.

Jon took questions giving the students an opportunity to meet a professional writer and learn how he gets his material for his novel. Mr Doust has also kindly donated a copy of a signed book *Boy on a Wire*, to be given away as a prize to a lucky student. Mr Doust was born in Bridgetown, has travelled all over the world, and now lives in Albany.

This initiative was supported by P&C fundraising.

Jarrin Bielby and Digby Patterson are two Year 12 students who are studying 3C/D Mathematics through the AV Learning Facility which links a cluster of schools within the South West. Their teacher Mr Allen Wager is based at Mt Barker Community College and runs the course for students from Mt Barker Community College, Katanning SHS and North Albany SHS. When Digby asked Mr Wager if he could come to Katanning and teach the lesson from here, he was only too happy to oblige. The boys had a great day and were very pleased to finally meet Mr Wager in person. The Rocky Road, provided by Librarian Mrs Allen was eagerly consumed by all!
APEX AUSTRALIA TEENAGE FASHION AWARDS

On Friday evening 28 August, eleven students from Katanning Senior High School entered in the annual Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards.

Chelsea Butterworth, Georgia Keast, Jaymi-Li Martin, Jenna Martin, Siwa Nshimirimana, Erin Brokenshire, Caitlyn Jolley and Jessica Clark entered clothing in the Casual Wear category.

Sharna Becker and Caroline Pepall entered items in the Evening Wear category and Millicent Boetel submitted an entry for Wearable Art. The students spent a lot of time on the designs of their clothing and the quality of the finished product is to be commended.

The organisers of the event also made mention of Millicent Boetel and how they were impressed with her mature, confident, polite and enthusiastic communication on behalf of Katanning Senior High School.

Georgia, Siwa and Sharna will represent Katanning Senior High School in the state finals to be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth on Sunday 13 September. We congratulate the girls on this notable achievement and wish them all the best for the finals.

Thank you to Mr Steve Dennis (representing Apex), Home Economics teachers Mrs Sushila Malik and Mrs Louise van Niekerk and Home Economics Assistant Mrs Lynn Paini for their support of these students.

BRILLIANT BREAKFASTS—YEAR 7

Last week, students from Mrs van Niekerk's Year 7 Cooking class were busy cooking their own high protein breakfast. The students could choose their breakfast from a menu which included omelettes, french toast and poached eggs served on an English muffin.

The students all worked really well and as you can see, created some delicious dishes.

Mrs Louise van Niekerk
Home Economics Teacher
The Bush Ranger Cadets have had a busy start to Term 3 with two camps already. We are glad to welcome back Miss Amy Waters to our Unit.

At the end of Week 1 we joined a group of volunteers in the Stirling Ranges to help plant 15,000 native trees on a heritage reserve. This project is part of a long term plan to create a wide nature strip between the Fitzgerald River National Park and the Stirling Range National Park.

At the end of Week 3 we went back to the Stirling Ranges for some mountain climbing. Despite some very wet and cold weather we climbed Mt Hassell and Mt Magog and enjoyed camping and craft activities.

Continuing on the ‘tree theme’ we have transplanted some native seedlings kindly grown for us by Blyth’s Tree Farm, which we will later plant around the school.

We also had a great time cooking damper, bananas and potatoes on small campfires.

Later this term we look forward to helping with EcoWeek and the Bloom Festival and planning for a reward camp to Shark Bay in the school holidays.

Miss Sarah Watson
Unit Leader

Katanning Senior High School Year 9 students Nui Andrews, Thomas Tussler and Jaycob Miller recently attended the Australian Army Cadet (AAC ) training course for Junior Non Commissioned Officer (JNCO).

The course was held in Albany and for the first time, was delivered over three consecutive weekends. There were 11 participants from Cadet Units from Katanning, Bunbury and Albany. This was also the first time that there had ever been 100% pass rate in this course.

Nui Andrews received an immediate promotion to Lance Corporal and in twelve months can be promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Thomas Tussler qualified for promotion to the rank of Lance Corporal in three months and then Corporal in twelve months time.

Lance Corporal Jaycob Miller qualified for promotion to the rank of Corporal in three months’ time.

Cadets Aaron Thant and Curtis Miller were not enrolled in the JNCO course but had the opportunity to participate in the camp over two of the three weekends.

Congratulations to all these students who have been rewarded for their hard work and perseverance.
THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED...

Sport and Recreation West Coast Eagles Visit
The Certificate I and II Sport and Recreation students were joined by former players and support staff from the West Coast Eagles during Week 5.

The group discussed performance pathways in sport and how training programs are modified throughout the year to achieve peak performance from athletes. With the West Coast Eagles currently in second spot on the AFL ladder it certainly appears to pay off!

Team HPE

PRIMARY SCHOOLS COACHING

Sport and Recreation Primary Coaching
The Certificate I and II Sport and Recreation students have been hard at work during Term 3, training up and coming athletes from St. Patrick’s and Braeside Primary Schools.

Coaching others to achieve at their potential is a significant component of the Certificate I and II in Sport and Recreation. As part of their course, Katanning Senior High School students have visited St Patrick’s Primary School and Braeside Primary School to train students in Years 3 and 5 respectively.

While training these younger students in athletic disciplines, our coaches have noticed several differences between primary and secondary aged children. Differences in attention span, coordination and communication skills were noted and coaching styles adjusted accordingly.

We look forward to working with St Patrick’s Primary School and Braeside Primary School in the future.

Team HPE

BOYS AND THEIR TOYS

School Gardeners Syd and Bill look very pleased with themselves here with their new ride-on Polaris vehicle.

This beast is a welcome addition to the Grounds Program and will save our gardeners lots of time as they go about their daily chores around the school. The distance from one end of the school to the other doesn’t seem so far now.

Mr Carruthers is still waiting for his first ride!!
Aboriginal Education Team
There has been a lot happening in Aboriginal Education this year. Term 3 has seen the re-structuring of several separate programs to now form a new united team. The Aboriginal Education Team (AET) consists of five parties; AIEO, ASSP, Clontarf, Deadly Sista Girlz and Follow The Dream. The AET provides pastoral care and educational programs to suit the students’ needs and together these programs exist to improve the social, emotional and educational outcomes for Aboriginal students, progressing the “Closing the Gap” targets for education. Although only recently formed, the team has already presented to the Katanning Interagency Action Forum (KIAF) and the Great Southern Schools Principals’ Network and is working with the community on the town’s NAIDOC celebrations. The team is aspiring to create an Education Hub at Katanning Senior High School where the community can be greatly involved in the education of our young people.

The Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO) encourages and supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to succeed at school. This is done in various ways including in-class support for students and exploration of career pathways. The AIEO supports the promotion of cultural values associated with Aboriginal people across the school and plays a major role in activities and events such as NAIDOC week. The role of AIEO is currently vacant and information about the position can be obtained by contacting the school.

The Aboriginal Student Support Program (ASSP) plays a major role in the Aboriginal Education Team as the link between pastoral care and education. Run by Mrs Andrea Atkinson, it is open to all Aboriginal students but has an emphasis on students who are returning to or struggling to adjust to mainstream schooling. ASSP is partnered with Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success and supports students to move into the program.

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and by doing so, equip them to participate more meaningfully in society. Clontarf staff, Brad Tomlinson and Willy Roe, mentor, coach, support and motivate Academy students to improve attendance, retention, Year 12 graduation/completion and employment outcomes.

The Deadly Sista Girlz program, provided by the Wirrpanda Foundation, exists to improve the life outcomes of Aboriginal girls by promoting strong role models and healthy life choices. Marrisa Willey and Sharae Miniter work to empower young women by offering a safe, stable and trusting environment in which they can discuss current and personal issues and receive guidance from positive Aboriginal female role models.

The Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success program (FTD) offers various methods of educational support to students aspiring to move on to full time employment, traineeships or apprenticeships, TAFE and/or University after their time at High School. Program Coordinator Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald runs a learning centre four nights a week where participants can receive tuition, career counselling, pastoral care and establish strong study habits. Tutors include Ms Suzanne Gray, Mrs Sushila Malik, Miss Jillian D’Souza, Ms Melanie Le Guin, Miss Genevieve Hulin and Mr Jasper Garde.

If you need any further information regarding the Aboriginal Education Team please don’t hesitate to contact the school on 9821 9800.

Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald—Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success Coordinator

Deadly Sista Girlz
Roll Up Roll Up—all the fun of the show!!
Katanning Senior High School
P & C Association Inc
is looking for volunteers to run the gate at
the Katanning Show on
Saturday 24 October 2015
If you are able to spare some time
throughout the day please contact
Kim Keast on 0428 912 658

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
Students from Katanning schools recently
competed in the annual Great Southern Junior
Netball Carnival held in Denmark.
Players of high school age wore their Katanning
Senior High School jackets to complement the KNA
uniforms and as you can see, they looked very
smart.
Unfortunately, the weather conditions were poor
but all teams played to the best of their abilities and
represented Katanning and their schools with pride
and good sportsmanship.

Calling all stay at home parents in Katanning.
Would you like to attend a two hour workshop
covering the ins and outs of starting your own
Family Day Care Business? This would help you
find out:
What is Family Day Care?
The Rules and Regulations,
Training and
How to get started.
To register your interest please contact
Janelle Price at RDA Great Southern
on 9842 5800

Regional Development Australia
Great Southern WA
TIME TO EXCEL!!

The Great Southern Institute of Technology Katanning will run a course on Microsoft 2010 Excel (Intermediate).

Duration 1 day (Thursday 17 September)
Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm
Cost $165 (includes morning and afternoon tea and all course resources)
Venue: GSIT Katanning Campus, Baker Street, Room C1

This course is designed for anyone who is already using Microsoft Excel 2010 and wants to know more about the powerful features of this software package for work or personal use. Participants should have completed the Microsoft Excel Introduction course or already have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel.

To enrol please contact Skills Development Centre on 9821 6407 or email Crissie Coldwell at crissie.coldwell@gsit.wa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KATANNING JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION—AGM AND REGISTRATION NIGHT
AGM at 6.30pm on WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2015 at Katanning Leisure Centre
Once all positions are filled, registrations for Junior Basketball will be taken. This is the only time to register. Boys and Girls born 1999—2008 are eligible to register. Fees are $30 (half season) and $60 (full season). If your child is eligible for Kidsport, please bring a copy of current Health Care Card and signed and completed Kidsport form.

COMMUNITY HARVEST
Community Harvest is a Foodbank Agency situated at 17 Albion Street (across the road from the Katanning Community Resource Centre). This “not for profit” agency is now open to support people on low incomes to access reduced priced grocery items. If you have a Health Care card, Pensioner Concession card or a Seniors card, you can drop in and get what you need.
Opening hours are currently Monday to Wednesday from 9.00am—11.00am, Thursday 9.00am—3.00pm and Friday 9.00am—12.00pm.

LASERSCAPE IS HERE THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
When: October 7 2015
Where: Katanning Leisure Centre
Age: 13 to 17 year olds
Time: 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Cost: $11. Bring your friends, family and anyone else you can drag along!!
Bookings are a must and spaces are limited! Contact the Leisure Centre for more information on 9821 4399.

NYABING PRIMARY SCHOOL
An invitation is extended to all past and present community members of Nyabing Primary School

The Nyabing Primary School Centenary Celebration
Saturday, 19 September 2015
10.00am—3.00pm
At Nyabing Primary School
Hobley Street, Nyabing

3.00pm onwards in the Nyabing Pavilion
Memorabilia, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks available for purchase on the day

RSVP appreciated for catering purposes 1 September 2015

Contact Jo Addis—Ph: 9829 1087
Joaddis44@gmail.com
C/- Post Office Nyabing WA 6341

KULIN SCHOOL CENTENARY
Save the date! Saturday 12 March 2016

11.00am School and Rooms Open
11.00 to 1.00pm Registrations
1.30pm Official Opening/Group Photos
3.00pm Afternoon Tea

Family Fun Activities held from 1.00pm onwards
Lunch available from Kulin Mitre 10 Cafe, Kulin Hotel and the Kulin Woolshed.

Dinner Party at Kulin Freebairn Rec Centre from 5.00pm to midnight. Come as you are!

To register, contact the Kulin Community Resource Centre.
Ph: 9880 1021
Email: crccounter@kulin.wa.gov.au
Website: www.kulin.wa.gov.au